

AN ACT

relating to allowing the commissioners court of a county to deliberate in a closed meeting regarding business and financial issues related to a contract being negotiated.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 551.0725(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners court of a county [~~with a population of 400,000 or more~~] may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated if, before conducting the closed meeting:

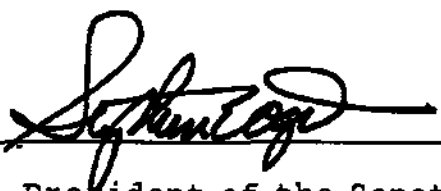
(1) the commissioners court votes unanimously that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the commissioners court in negotiations with a third person; and

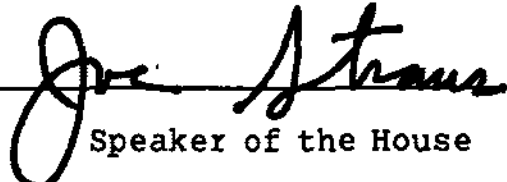
(2) the attorney advising the commissioners court issues a written determination that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the commissioners court in negotiations with a third person.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. A meeting held before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the meeting is held, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

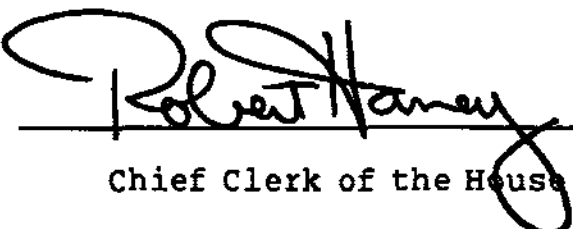
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1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

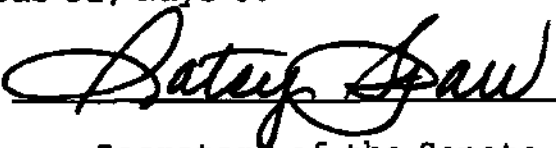

President of the Senate

H.B. No. 1500

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1500 was passed by the House on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

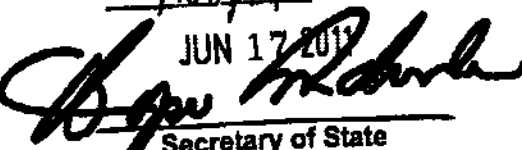

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1500 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.


Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11
Date


Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4:00 pm O'CLOCK
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Secretary of State